

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 7 of the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 with the following:

Nonetheless, the sheath should be able to receive a finger, which is likely to have roughly the same or a slightly larger diameter than a small conventional tampon. It is therefore particularly preferred that the ~~The~~ sheath is therefore resiliently expandable in a radial direction to receive a finger during insertion of the product into the vagina. For example, the sheath may be elastic in (only) a circumferential direction, which allows for radial expansion. (Significant elasticity in a longitudinal direction may be undesirable as it can lead to misplacement of the plug). More specifically, the absorbent and liquid impermeable tubes may be elastic in a circumferential direction.

On page 11 of the specification, after line 16, please replace the paragraph previously inserted from the October 9, 2009 Amendment with the following:

Figure 5 is a schematic cross-sectional view through a portion of the pad and sheath of the sanitary product of ~~figure 2 in the area where the sheath joins the pad taken along line 5-5 of~~ Figure 4.